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Dear Wolfram:

Please forgive me for being so late in answering your letter. You should see the pile of correspondence and papers on my desk. And I thought I was busy in Madison!

I am delighted to hear of the fruition of your careful studies. Congratulations.

I can understand your wish to put your strains in our hands, and the time may come that we will beg you for it. But I am afraid we are very much preoccupied with other genetic experiments. If you were in the laboratory yourself, it would be no problem. But there is the danger of an unexpected result that would require close consultation on medium and so forth. If you can conveniently reach Dr. Kaplan, this should be ample confirmation. In general it would be best to arrange this at a laboratory close enough for your own visit. If you feel the urgency of this (and I don't, if, e.g. Kaplan will do it) you might also consider the Ørskovs or Maaloe in Copenhagen.

Professor Caspersson was here last week and brought some splendid spectra of individual bacteria. He is continuing a collaboration with us which should be very helpful.

With all best wishes,

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